

SENATE BILL 540

By Briggs

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71,
Chapter 5, relative to medical assistance services
for those who need interpreters.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-107(a), is amended by adding
the following language as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

Language interpreter services which may include:

(A) Sign language interpreter services when such services are necessary
to help deaf or hard of hearing recipients obtain covered services; and

(B) Spoken language interpreter services to all patients with limited
English proficiency (LEP), whether or not the patient is a recipient of TennCare.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.